

**REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2010**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield.

Present: Councilors Drake, Hurley, Kotkin, Manousos, McAlister, Roberts, Deputy Mayor Console, and Chairperson Hemmann.

Absent: Councilor Montinieri

Also present: Jeff Bridges, Town Manager and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

Chairperson Hemmann, presented proclamations to Sheila Sharkey Glynn, Wethersfield Contingent Parade Marshal of the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade and to Joe Hickey, Wethersfield 2010 Irish Person of the Year.

Councilor Hurley led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Michael Emmett, Director of Special Services for Wethersfield Public Schools, representing Dr. Thomas McDowell, the new Interim Superintendent of Schools presented the Wethersfield Public Schools Annual Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Councilor Kotkin inquired about the insurance costs and asked that in addition to health and workers' compensation, are there other areas that have some variability to it as the Town goes through the next two months of the budget process.

Michael Emmett responded that yes, certainly with the tuition budget at this time given that there are still some funds remaining in that line from the Hartford Host Magnet School and with the salary line, there may be some flexibility as well. The Town does have positions at the Central Office: there is an interim Director of Human Resources and interim Superintendent and interim Director of Business Services so there will likely be funds available in these salary lines that can be utilized this year.

Councilor Kotkin questioned the Heat Energy Account. He asked if this reflects the bids that the Town has for the entire 2010-2011 fiscal year as costs of natural gas has been going down, or are these estimates because each of the last two years he has pushed on that one and subsequent to the pushing the budget has come down. He asked what is being estimated.

Fred Bushey, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations, discussed the three energy items: electricity has been able to be brought down through negotiations and bringing it down through consortium purchasing. Water has gone up 2.3% and that is a fixed cost through MDC. The boiler has been replaced at Emerson Williams so there should be a reduction in natural gas.

There should also be a reduction with the buildings that have direct digital control and actual run times of equipment. Reductions have been made also by pursuing the bills for the past year. His hope is to maintain efficiency.

Councilor Kotkin asked if estimates can be given in terms of what is being paid per unit on natural gas.

Fred Bushey responded that he will get that information.

Councilor Kotkin stated that CRCOG goes out to bid periodically for all the towns and they have done a good job at getting the Town good pricing. He is interested in whether all the reductions are reflected in this budget or whether there are more to come.

Fred Bushey responded that he will look into it and report back.

Councilor Drake questioned the reimbursable pupil transportation and asked whether that is due to an increase in costs or because of additional students.

Michael Emmett responded that it is due to increased costs.

Councilor Drake inquired about the jump in social security.

Michael Emmett stated that he would need to look into this further and report back.

Councilor McAlister discussed the issue of the Town losing 68 students and with the cost of educating a child in Wethersfield at \$11,000 each, the Board of Education is looking at an actual budget increase of \$1.2 million and questioned why it is not saving \$800,000 this year from that.

Michael Emmett responded that with this budget and the decrease in enrollment, the Town has already decreased the staffing by five FTEs and these will be positions that will not be filled next year and from the Special Services side, he has been able to eliminate for next year .5 FTE special education teachers at Webb Elementary and .5 FTE special education teachers at Wethersfield High School.

Councilor McAlister questioned that if the Town had not lost 68 students, would teachers not have been laid off and would 5 teachers have retired, would the Town's budget been \$1.2 million.

Michael Emmett responded that would have been the case.

Councilor Hurley stated that being a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, Council was looking to come in with a zero increase in the budget. He would like to see the budget lowered.

Michael Emmett responded that there is very little to cut in terms of textbooks, tuition, some of which are fixed costs. What is being looked at is reduction in staff. Many municipalities are going with non-renewal notices because the budget climate is uncertain.

Chairperson Hemmann asked whether the Town is locked into the State reimbursement this year.

Michael Emmett asked whether it was on the Excess Special Education side or the education cost sharing.

Deputy Mayor Console responded that it was education cost sharing.

Michael Emmett explained that he is not in a position to answer that question but can say from the Special Education side, he budgeted a reimbursement rate at 75% and the State has come through with a reimbursement rate of 84% so with the out of district special education tuition, he has already received reimbursement from the State in the amount of \$643,000 and waiting for one more reimbursement check this Spring.

Deputy Mayor Console asked if there has been any discussion for next year's budget.

Michael Emmett responded that in reality the money is not there. With regard to the out of town tuition, his goal is to bring as many students back as possible to provide the services for those students in-house.

Deputy Mayor Console asked whose responsibility is it for putting together the whole budget.

Michael Emmett responded that it would be the administrative team together with the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Michael Kohlhagen; Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Italia Negroni; Director of Special Services, Michael Emmett; Human Resources Director Thomas Martin; Director of Operations and Maintenance Fred Bushey and Interim Director of Business Services, William Keeley.

Councilor Roberts stated that she reviewed the minutes of the February 23 Board of Education meeting and thought that the Superintendent stated that the budget increase was down to .75% and wanted to know how it got back to 1.15%.

Michael Emmett replied that the Superintendent's original budget increase was .5%. The request from the Board of Education meeting held last Thursday included an additional \$320,000 for legal services, payment of an interim superintendent and a potential Connecticut Association of Boards of Education superintendent search.

Councilor Roberts asked that with regards to the non-tenure renewals, it has always been done as a safety measure and depending on the budget they are hired back. She inquired also if the deadline was still April 1.

Michael Emmett responded that last year there were 32 non-renewals for teachers. This year they are looking at non-renewals only for those individuals that will get the Town down to the zero budget.

Councilor Roberts asked how he knew who those individuals would be.

Michael Emmett responded it was done with union contract.

Councilor Roberts stated that the past practice has been that anyone who is non-tenured receives a notice. The Town has traditionally done high numbers which gives the Town more flexibility.

Michael Emmett stated that they looked at the last nine hired and tried to avoid layoffs in the specialty areas because those positions cannot be filled.

Councilor Roberts asked hypothetically what would happen if the budget situation were to get worse and more than nine people are needed and the April 1 deadline has come and gone, what would the game plan be now.

Michael Emmett responded that they would need to look for additional terminations and that would be more costly.

Councilor Roberts inquired about the 6111 line and asked if it were just for the Superintendent.

Michael Emmett responded that it was for the interim superintendent and that it was a new line.

Councilor Roberts inquired as to what the interim superintendent is making.

Michael Emmett responded that he is being paid \$750 a day.

Councilor Roberts asked if that included any benefits, mileage reimbursement or expenses.

Michael Emmett said he will get back with that information.

Chairperson Hemmann stated that she agreed with Councilor Roberts with regards to the non renewals. It was not something that she liked to see done but it protects the Board of Education and this should be looked at.

Councilor Drake inquired as to why 32 notices were given out last year and only nine this year.

Michael Emmett responded that they have already reduced five last year with the retirements and looked from a perspective what number would be needed to get down to a zero budget.

Councilor Drake inquired about the special positions and what would need to be done to get a special person to leave.

Michael Emmett responded that they would be looking at classroom teachers, psychologists and a social worker.

Councilor Roberts asked if those positions, in addition to the nine are all tenured teachers.

Michael Emmett responded that they are non-tenured.

Councilor Kotkin inquired that with regards to the \$93,750 for the interim superintendent, is this assuming that a permanent superintendent is hired at the end of this year.

Michael Emmett responded that it is being budgeted to be on the safe side assuming there may not be a permanent superintendent in place by July 1.

Councilor Roberts inquired what is in the budget this year for the interim superintendent.

Michael Emmett responded that there is nothing in this year's budget for the interim superintendent.

Councilor Roberts asked where the money is coming from to pay the interim superintendent from March 1 through June 30, 2010.

Michael Emmett responded that the Board of Education is going to have to look for empty salary lines or utilize tuition or any of the remaining lines. Mr. Keeley is going through the budget now. See Addendum A.

Chairperson Hemmann thanked Michael Emmett for coming and presenting the Board of Education Budget.

WETHERSFIELD CITIZENS ENERGY CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE PROPOSED WETHERSFIELD COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY AND CONSERVATION PLAN presented by Matt Forrest.

The complete presentation is online @wethersfieldct.com. (This is included as Addendum B.)

Councilor Manousos questioned the cost on the hydro power and asked how likely it is considering the flow of the stream that is there right now and the analyses on cost versus the benefit on that.

Matt Forrest responded that the analysis is in committee now but will probably come to this committee for an expenditure shortly. Their initial analysis will probably be in the range of \$10,000 on two dams in order to determine the viability of the situation. Because it is a flowing stream and it is head height, there is a strong potential for viability, but they will have to run the numbers to determine that this will have a return on investment. Matt Forrest also stated that once the analysis is done, then will be looking at complex financing scheme of grants, something from the energy trust and some loan financing. He stated that the performance will need to be looked at to see if it is a viable option.

Councilor Drake stated that one dam has already been engineered to be rebuilt and the money has been funded by the State. Once the State money becomes available that project will move forward quickly.

Councilor Drake stated that they need to stop and see if they can add this State money to the whole project. He asked what would be the next step as a group. Will they go to Shared Services to review it and then come back for a resolution?

Chairperson Hemmann suggested that everything be reviewed and the Committee work with the Town Manager and allow the Board of Education to review, digest and work together to move forward.

Councilor Drake stated that the real obligation from the Town on this in terms of funding is to

make sure that once a year this matrix is calculated and presented to make financial energy decisions. Resources will be needed to do this work.

Councilor Kotkin commented that the report was very comprehensive and asked who would identify which issues would be focused on first.

Matt Forrest responded that the committee would identify which issues were going to be identified first looking at the environmental changes and how things change as different issues are investigated. The committee will report back to the Council.

Councilor Drake addressed Chairperson Hemmann and advised that these issues have been looked at in the past and asked whether ideas should be forwarded to the Town Manager or to other members of the Council.

Chairperson Hemmann responded that ideas should be forwarded to the Town Manager who can then compile and distribute them and at the same time send them to committee to make it easier for record keeping purposes.

Councilor Roberts asked for a copy of the slide presentation from Matt Forrest.

Councilor Drake commented that the priority is to endorse the matrix and review it each year.

Matt Forrest responded that they are heading in that direction and that the committee is open to any ideas.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Hemmann stated that there were two items for discussion:

- A. The Historic Document Preservation Program Grant
- B. The Small Cities Grant Application Public Hearing

Chairperson Hemmann declared the hearings closed due to no comments from the public. Chairperson Hemmann then asked if there were any general comments.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Sorano, 102 Jameswell Road, discussed the ongoing underground water problems in the neighborhood which was first reported five years ago. He asked if this issue could be moved up the Capital Repair List's – must do.

Chairperson Hemmann responded that this matter has been brought before the Council in the past and she will speak with the Town Manager. (This is included as Addendum C.)

James Lucas, 138 Jameswell Road, for 23 years commented on the water continuously flowing out of the road.

William Knapp, 171 Collier Road, discussed the Wilkus Farm property and thanked the Council for wrapping up the matter. The farm still needs to be managed in the future.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road distributed to the Town Council and the Board of Education's year-end report as of June 30, 2009 and presented to the citizens on September 3, 2009 and discussed his concerns.

George Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, complimented Matt Forrest on his presentation.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor McAlister spoke for the Conservation Commission. He stated that a presentation had been made and he would like to have it posted on the website. He also stated that because students had made the presentation, there may be recommendations that they may not be moving forward with, so a disclosure would be needed to be included on the page.

Councilor McAlister discussed that now that an agreement has been reached with the Wilkus Farms property, a Committee needs to be reactivated to gather ideas on what to do with the property.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, responded that no committee had been formed in the past.

Councilor Hurley reported that the Youth Advisory Committee will be holding a Volunteer Recognition Night on April 29, 2010 and the Speaker will be Matt Forrest.



Councilor Hurley reported that the Shared Services Committee is looking into combining services between the Board of Education and the Town side with Finance, IT, and Human Resources.

Councilor Manousos reported for the Budget and Finance Committee and said that the auditor has not been there yet.

Councilor Manousos reported on the Redevelopment Agency. He said the study that was done by the previous consultants has been reviewed on the Fun Zone property and the focus has been changed to the Weight Watchers' site. They will be working on marketing initiatives to attract new business.

Councilor McAlister discussed an article from the Hartford Courant concerning recycling and reusing, included was a list of agencies that will take in gently used items. He would like to incorporate these references when the website is updated.

Councilor McAlister discussed an article in the Wethersfield Life by Joyce Rossignol regarding transparency and trust. He wanted to make sure the Council is not using the Executive Sessions more than necessary or legally permitted. He discussed Wintergreen Woods cleanup on April 22 and asked for support and volunteers. He discussed that there would be a tour of the historic properties on March 30 at 5:30 p.m. and if any Town Council members were interested in attending to please let him know.

Councilor Hurley discussed the issue of the dumpsters on the side of the building that are blocking the rose gardens. He asked the Town Manager if it was possible to move the dumpsters to another area. As co-chair of the Wethersfield section of Hartford's St. Patrick's Day Parade, he stated that Wethersfield won an award for participation.

Councilor Roberts addressed the gentleman who spoke from Jameswell Road, and suggested that the Council meet as a group to observe the area together. She addressed an email from Mrs. Valente regarding the census mailings and that there was an issue with zip codes starting with 061. Zip codes starting with 061 are automatically counted as Hartford. This data will impact future funding for the next 10 years so something needs to be done.

Chairman Hemmann discussed that an agreement has been reached with Wilkus Farm regarding the cleanup before the closing date. She asked for suggestions for use of the barn and home. She also noted that there are no funds for renovations which have been estimated to be \$250,000. She discussed Arbor Day on April 24 at Solomon Wells House. She reported that the

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Wethersfield Business and Civic Organization will hold a reception to honor the 2010 Person of the Year, Judy Keane on March 24 at the Wethersfield Country Club. Also, Friends of the Eleanor Buck Nature Center will hold its annual Spring Dance on Saturday March 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Wethersfield Community Center.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, mentioned that the Taste of Wethersfield will be held on April 10 at the Keeney Memorial Center.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

#### COUNCIL ACTION

Deputy Mayor Console moved **"TO APPOINT PHIL SMITHWICK OF 57 MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, WALLINGFORD, CT 06492 AS TREE WARDEN FOR A PERIOD FROM 3-15-10 TO 12-15-10"** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO APPOINT FRANK L. SENA OF 103 EASTERN DRIVE, WETHERSFIELD TO THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM FROM 3-15-10 TO 6-30-14"** seconded by Councilor Roberts.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Console moved **"TO ALLOW TOWN CLERK DOLORES G. SASSANO TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, A GRANT OF \$5,000 TO COMPLETE A RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ALREADY UNDERWAY AND TO ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER, JEFFREY K. BRIDGES, JR., OR DOLORES G. SASSANO, TOWN CLERK, TO SIGN THE CONTRACT, IF ISSUED, BY THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD"** seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Councilor Roberts called for a point of order. She asked if that is the purpose or does the Deputy Mayor need to read the resolution.

Chairperson Hemmann responded that it is the purpose.

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All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Manousos moved **“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , COGNIZANT OF THE CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR THE STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART VI OF CHAPTER 130 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES , THAT THE TOWN MANAGER IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT OF \$700,000; TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IF SO AWARDED; TO CARRY OUT APPROVED ACTIVITIES AND TO ACT AS THE TOWN’S REPRESENTATIVE”** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, outlined the grant process Kate Forcier, Director of the Housing Authority and Larry Wagner, Administrator of the program, explained the needs on record.

Larry Wagner discussed the Small Cities Program and said that for cities under 50,000 in population there is a block grant in each state. Applications are done in a scoring system based on need feasibility.

Chairperson Hemmann asked whether or not the Town was in good shape to receive this grant.

Larry Wagner responded that it is hard to say but the Town has been successful in the past. It is a competitive application. Applications are due June 6.

Councilor Hurley inquired about the administrative costs which are not included and asked how much would that be.

Larry Wagner responded that it was the Town’s responsibility to write the checks and the Housing Authority has the responsibility to carry out the project. They don’t know what the budget figures are yet but it cannot exceed \$700,000.

Councilor Manousos asked if the figures presented referred to their estimation costs.

Larry Wagner responded that yes, it was based on the capital needs assessment.

Jeff Bridges stated that the Town would need to leave some room in the Grant for administrative costs, program costs, and publication but that no town tax money would be used. The Housing Authority assumes the engineering and design costs.

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Councilor Kotkin inquired whether the Town receives the grant or not, does Wagner and Associates reimburse themselves.

Larry Wagner responded that they do not.

Councilor Kotkin asked for clarification on what the administrative cost is as described in the Town Manager's memo.

Jeff Bridges responded that if the Town receives the grant, there is a contract with Wagner and Associates for an administrative fee in the grant and that is paid by the grant. It is an all inclusive grant.

Councilor Roberts asked Kate Forcier, Director of the Housing Authority, to clarify what the Fuller House is.

Kate Forcier responded that the Fuller House is a 32 unit apartment building consisting of 1-2 bedroom apartments and is fully occupied at this time.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Roberts moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$39,470 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUNDS TO THE PHYSICAL SERVICES ACCOUNT #T1457559 53340 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALT"** seconded by Deputy Mayor Console.

Jeff Bridges reviewed the background on the agenda item.

Councilor Manousos inquired about the significant increase in the budget and asked whether or not the Town was saving any money.

Jeff Bridges responded that the Town was not sweeping the streets as much and that there were less materials laid down.

Councilor Manousos asked if the cost of savings is greater than the cost of the salt.

Jeff Bridges responded that they would need to look at the applications and the routes followed.

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Councilor Hurley inquired as to whether or not the salt that has not been used this year, will it be used for next year.

Jeff Bridges confirmed that it will be used next year.

Councilor Drake questioned whether or not the Town is saving money using the salt mixture versus the salt/sand mixture and then sweeping the street.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Manousos moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS”** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

Jeff Bridges stated that the current bids don't include playground equipment. This consortium has the same equipment the State bids on in Connecticut and they are still able to utilize the same vendors.

All Councilors present, included Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

### BIDS

Deputy Mayor Console moved **“TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO BUCKLEY ENERGY GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF #2 FUEL OIL AND TO DENNIS K. BURKE FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIESEL, AS NEEDED, UTILIZING THE FUNDS THAT ARE APPROPRIATED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET”** seconded by Councilor McAlister.

Jeff Bridges discussed that the Buckley Energy Group was the lowest bidder for #2 Fuel Oil at \$2.30 per gallon. Prices are firm for one year.

Councilor Roberts asked who the Town purchased its oil from. This will be looked into.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

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Councilor Roberts moved **“TO TABLE THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENT AND TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT WITH GENERAL PAVING FOR PAVEMENT PREPARATION AND RESTORATION SERVICES BEGINNING UPON AUTHORIZATION AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2010”** seconded by Councilor Hurley.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Councilor Manousos moved **“TO WAIVE THE BID REQUIREMENT AND TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO TIM GOTHERS WOODWORKING LLC FOR THE REPAIR OF SOFFIT AND FASCIA AT THE OLD ACADEMY BUILDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000”** seconded by Deputy Mayor Console.

Jeff Bridges discussed the background of the agenda item.

Councilor Hurley inquired about the painting allowance of \$4,500.

Councilor Roberts responded that it includes all the existing trim.

Amy Wentworth, of 47 Center Street, a representative from the Historical Society, explained that there is dental molding on the outside of the Academy Building so it is going to take more effort to paint.

Councilor Hurley inquired as to whether there was a lot of molding.

Amy Wentworth responded that the molding went all around the building.

Deputy Mayor Console inquired about the condition of the foundation of the building.

Amy Wentworth responded that she is not aware of any problems with the foundation. The issues they are having now is water getting into the building in the southwest corner of the building. The water is getting into the vaults and causing a mold problem. The vault holds historical collection of documents, photographs and newspapers.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Hemmann read an ordinance to create and become a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority. There will be a hearing on April 5, 2010.

MINUTES

Councilor Drake moved **“TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2010”** seconded by Deputy Mayor Console. .

Councilor Kotkin discussed a correction on the top of page 6.

Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Hurley abstained. Motion passed 7-0-1.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2010 WITH A CORRECTION ON PAGE SIX”** seconded by Deputy Mayor Console. .

Chairperson Hemmann recommended tabling the corrections and comments from Councilor Kotkin.

Deputy Mayor Console moved **“TO TABLE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2010 PENDING CORRECTION OF COMMENTS”** seconded by Councilor Drake.

Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Roberts abstained. The motion passed 7-0-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Avenue, discussed the Board of Education expenses.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, discussed last year’s budget hearing and the purchase of CONNECT-ED. Concerned that the system could be used as a political tool for the Board of Education, he doesn’t feel it should be used to inform the public of budget meetings for the Board of Education.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:02 p.m., Councilor McAlister moved **“TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS”** seconded by Deputy Mayor Console. All Councilors present voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0. Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, was present. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

At 10:03 p.m., Councilor McAlister moved **“TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION”** seconded by Councilor Roberts. All Councilors present voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:03 p.m., Councilor McAlister moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"** seconded by Councilor Roberts. All Councilors present voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano  
Town Clerk

THREE ITEMS TO BE ATTACHED AS ADDENDUMS FOR MEETING OF MARCH 15

CHANGE APPOINTMENT TO ONE YEAR FOR TREE WARDEN